

William Pitt Tavern
Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owners: Alice E. and Janice R. Gibson

Date of Erection: About 1845

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction

Interior walls - plaster,
paneling of later date

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This house was built sometime after 1842 when Lydia Crane acquired the property from Anna Bonnell. It was supposed to have been built for her by her brother. From Lydia Crane the property descended by will to Phoebe Crane. It was sold in 1891 by her executors to Julia Skinner for a consideration of fifteen hundred dollars. Julia Skinner gave the property in her will

to Charlotte Secor. Her executors sold to the present owners in 1931.

It is known locally as the Old Crane House. The name William Pitt Tavern was given by the present owners who operate a tea room there.

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